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- THE WEEKLY FREE NO-THEME 'ZINE -

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# Intro

## The Zhou must go on

I took a small break from my (paid) job this week and headed towards the northern side of The Netherlands for a short holiday. In between 'strandwandelingen', 'stadswandelingen' and swimming I just found the time to compile another issue of the zine. Apart from the regular features, this week's edition contains ghostly books, DIY bath bombs, some retro goodness and plenty of other stuff. If you want to help **1324 - Out of Order** grow, please consider [submitting an article](#) or sharing it by social media. It's much appreciated! Happy reading and until next week!

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# Weather

## Soul Surfing



**Kandy**  
Sri Lanka  
28 °C / 82 °F



**Julianadorp**  
The Netherlands  
18 °C / 65 °F



**Port-Gentil**  
Gabon  
27 °C / 81 °F

# Out Now

## Don't bother, currently out of order:



The whole internet is 'out of order'? You could say that again. Only, temporarily, mind. Seen in a hotel near *Milford Sound*, New Zealand (wow!) by [Simon Willison](#). Spotted an *out of order* sign yourself? Please send it to us at this [address](#). Thx!

# Go Dutch

## In one word a week

**'Strandwandeling'** (noun)  
pronounce: strahnd-whan-duh-ling

This word translates to 'a walk on the beach'.

## In a sentence

*Een strandwandeling is een goede manier om te ontspannen*  
A walk on the beach is a great way to relax

## Also...

The plural of this word is strandwandelingen (like many Dutch words you can simply add *-en* to the end the word).

Other 'wandelingen':  
*Stadswandeling* (city walk), *boswandeling* (forest walk).



# Little known facts

## Wyoming

is one of the fifty states of the USA. Its capital is *Cheyenne*, a city which initially was just a campsite for workers of the *Union Pacific railroad* all the way back in 1867. Several Native American groups (such as *The Crow*, *Arapaho*, *Lakota*, and *Shoshone*) originally inhabited the region now known as Wyoming. Wyoming is nicknamed the 'equality state' because it was the first state to grant women the right to vote (in 1869). It's the 10th largest state by area, yet the least populous and second most sparsely populated state in the country. It is bordered by *Montana* to the north/northwest, *South Dakota* and *Nebraska* to the east, *Colorado* to the south, *Utah* to the southwest, and *Idaho* to the west. Wyoming's western half is mostly covered by the ranges & rangelands of the *Rocky Mountains*, while the eastern half is high-elevation prairie called the *High Plains*.

# Trivia

## Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] Which Korean film was the big winner at the 2020 Oscars?
- [02] What is *Fox Mulder's* (X-Files) favourite snack?
- [03] What is the world's most popular museum?
- [04] Is the total length of the *Great Wall of China* over or under 10.000 miles (16.000km)?
- [05] Is *Terra Cotta* a material or a city in Nicaragua?
- [06] Which artist has a track called *Englishman in New York*?
- [07] Where does *Gorgonzola* come from?
- [08] The lowest five layers in *Minecraft* consist of which material?
- [09] Name the actor: *WarGames*, *Reservoir Dogs*, *Free Willy*.
- [10] What does the Windows application *Charmap.exe* do?
- [11] What's the square root of 144?
- [12] What colour is a *sopropo* (bitter melon / gourd)?
- [13] *Lesotho* is an enclaved country inside which other country?
- [14] Name two olympic swimming styles/strokes.
- [15] What's the name of the large island on the south of Australia?

Answers on page four.

# Ain't Afraid of No Ghost

A book about life, death, ghost(buster)s and more

We didn't feature as many books in **1324** yet as we would've liked, so it's high time we brought you this little gem by 'friend of the zine' Paul Gannon, producer of audio programmes, radio, podcasts, radio and Youtube (yes, a man of many talents!). Earlier this year he launched his own *Unbound* project to get his book *Ain't Afraid of No Ghost* funded and published. 'So, a book about *Ghostbusters*? I can hear you say, but that wouldn't be entirely true. The project synopsis as follows:

*"The Wirral. 1984. Six-year-old Paul Gannon dragged his exhausted family to a screening of the movie Ghostbusters. That experience changed Paul's life forever... and made the lives of everyone around him miserable. Obsessed with ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night, he created his own teenage ghost hunting group, wrote demented stories about demons from beyond the grave and predictably dressed as a Ghostbuster every year at Halloween. However, like all childhood things, Paul's days of spirit chasing soon vanished in a fog of GCSEs, student union debauchery and paying rent. 20 years later and Paul is lost, depressed and suicidal.*

*After countless hours of therapy, counselling and long dark nights of the soul, Paul was given a piece of advice. Maybe he should get a hobby. Maybe take up a sport? A craft? Donate some time to a charitable cause? He decided to go ghost hunting.*

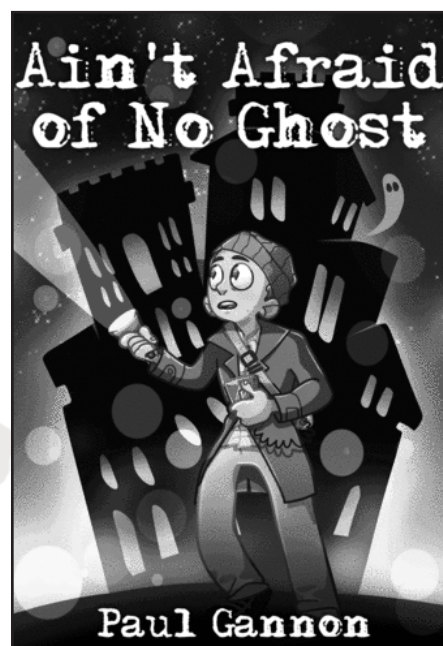
*What began as an unusual weekend hobby soon spiralled into a weird world of believers, sceptics, paranormal tourist groups, supernatural theatre shows and wound up with a trip to the largest gathering of Ghostbusters fans in the world.*

*Ain't Afraid of No Ghost is a comedic tale of what happens when life and death collide via one man's passion for a 1980s family movie. Paul isn't shy about his love of Ghostbusters and how it informed his childhood and career choices.*

*It's not all Ghostbusters however! Paul also examines the growth of geek fandom from niche pastime to mainstream phenomenon and how it's changed in the social media age with social. Is nostalgia something to treasure or has it become poisonous and destructive?*

*The book will also look into the growth of 'paranormal tourism' and supernatural reality TV shows and how it's become a hugely lucrative industry fit to fill with self important experts, con artists and eager believers.*

*When it comes to ghost busting, Paul has seen all sides of a fascinating, bizarre, sometimes taboo, but importantly, also very human experience. In Ain't Afraid of No Ghost Paul asks why do we continue to look for life after death?*



*What compels people to spend hours in the dark hunting for frightening spectres? And why is the Ghostbusters logo facing the wrong way?"*

You can back Paul's book from £10/€15/\$15 (for an ebook) or £20/€30/\$30 (for a hardback, complete with a lovely cover by the artist Vorratony).

Funding is, at the time of writing, 77% complete, so you could say the book is well on track! Take a look at:

[Unbound: [Ain't Afraid of No Ghost](#)]

## As good as RETRO

Updates from the world of retro gaming. This week: new games for the C64, SEGA Game Gear and SC-3000.



Shoot, shoot and shoot some more in the seven stages of *Zeta Wing* for the Commodore 64.

### Soft Core

If you remember (and enjoyed) some of the games by *Core Design* (R.I.P.) you might be interested to know that the

programmer behind such games as *SoulStar* and *Thunderhawk*, has just released another shooter called *Zeta Wing*. It's available from her [itch.io](http://itch.io) site and costs just \$3.99.

### M2 does Aleste 3

The people at SEGA Japan are working hard to release their four Game Gear mini's (each with four games) on october 6th. Developer M2 thought they could 'do one better' and just announced the first new official SEGA Game Gear game in over 20 years(!): *Aleste 3 -Last Messiah*. The new game will be included on a special white edition of the Game Gear Mini (released on december 24th) as well as the *Aleste* collection for PS4/Switch.

### Tetris on Tape

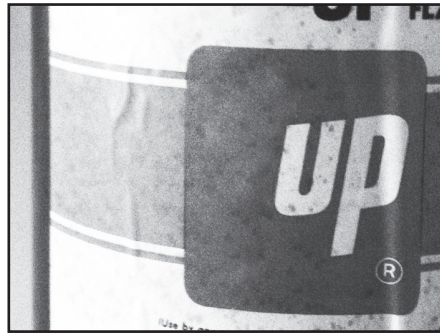
This is as obscure as they come, but a Finnish developer has just released a new homebrew for the SC-3000. It's called *Palikat* and is a Tetris-clone. The game has pretty impressive graphics (for a 1983 machine), background music, sound effects and yes, the game's difficulty increases with each level. You can download the game for free, but a limited edition of the game (on an actual cassette tape, complete with a box and full-colour manual) can also be bought directly from the developer. Finally, an SG-1000 port can *also* be downloaded from the link above, so...happy stacking!

\*Haven't got an SC-3000? Try *MEKA*.



# The Number's Game

What are the missing numbers?



Answers on page four.

## Hit Clips: Tiger's micro audio players

*Good vibrations in your pocket*

So, what technology did you use in the early 2000's to listen to the likes of *NSYNC*, *Madonna*, *The Backstreet Boys*, *Pink* and *The Beach Boys*? (if you did at all). You probably heard about *Napster* and made Lars Ulrich rather mad or were paying through the nose for a 2-track single CD. It's unlikely you were using a *HitClips* audio player by *Tiger Electronics* (yes, that same company that made all those dreadful LCD games based on every franchise in existence). Like said, the *HitClips* were small audio players in the shape of an earpiece, portable radio or even a necklace, which played even smaller *HitClip* cartridges. Each cartridge would contain a one minute version of a song by some of the artists listed above. In total there were 80 songs from 30 different artists available.

Many, many different *HitClips* players were released by Tiger (such was/ is their style, really), including a special *KidClips* version, which was basically a jukebox for their Disney songs. The cartridges were eventually replaced by special mini discs (no, not *those* mini discs, those were actually GOOD) which had 'twice the capacity' (= two minutes of audio instead of just one). The fad (if we're being brutally honest) lasted until roughly 2005. Credit were credit is due: the Youtube channel *Techmoan* brought the *HitClips* toy/technology to our attention as he recently did an in-depth video about the *HitClips*, dispelling many of the myths along the way. Give it a watch.

[[HitClips - The truth behind the Toy](#)]



Probably one of the better *HitClips* 'micro music clips' released: *Will Smith - Nod Ya Head*.

# FREE: Art

Studio Ghibli releases hi-res artwork

*Ponyo*, *Spirited Away* and *The Wind Rises*: just some of the iconic films by Studio Ghibli. The studio has recently released over 400 hi-res stills from these movies through their website as a gift to the fans. They make great wallpapers for your phone, tablet or PC or even to print and frame. The downloads come with a message from Ghibli producer *Toshio Suzuki* saying to 'use them freely within the scope of common sense.' We reckon they're well worth checking out.



[\[Studio Ghibli Artwork downloads\]](#)

## Number's Game

The answers

From left to right, top to bottom:  
57, 7, 66, 7, 5, 11, 3, 32, 501.

## Quality Quote

Words to go by

*'None of us really changes over time. We only become more fully what we are.'*  
-Anne Rice

## Editor's Note

From the Machine

If you've read last week's *From the Machine*, you might have expected part two of the *Webcam Claw*. Due to a technical issue we were sadly unable to bring you it this week, but look forward to it in issue 9 of **1324**.

# Bath Bombs

Creating your own

Spending many a happy hour relaxing in the tub? Then you'll probably also enjoy a bit of bubble bath or a bath bomb. You could spend a small fortune on all the different bath bombs sold by the likes of *Lush* or *Rituals*, but why not create your own? Here's the steps.

You'll need:

- 200 grams (7 oz) of baking soda
- 200 grams (7 oz) of citric acid\*
- 100 gram (3.5 oz) of corn flour

\*in powder form

And (non essential):

- Epsom salt
- Food coloring
- Essential Oils



Start with the mixture. Use a large bowl to mix together the baking soda, citric acid and corn flour. Use your hands (or a mixer) to mix all these dry ingredients. Optionally add some epsom salt to your mixture afterwards (it can help to reduce the swelling and inflammation of acne and its coarse texture with help exfoliate skin by removing dead skin cells and loosening blackheads).

Use a spray bottle to *slightly* dampen the mixture you just made. Spray just enough water on it for the dough to stick together. Careful: if you add too much water your mixture will already start fizzing. Now add in the essential oils and food coloring (like said, this is not essential, but it *is* nice isn't it?).

Use round molds and firmly push in the dough to avoid cracks in your bath bombs. Store the bath bombs in the molds for at least 24 hours in a cool, dry place. When they no longer feel damp, store them in an airtight box or container or...use them!

Happy bubbling!

## Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] *Parasite*
- [02] Sunflower seeds
- [03] The *Louvre*, Paris
- [04] Over. It's 13,171m / 21,196km long
- [05] It's baked clay, a material often used for pottery
- [06] *Sting*
- [07] Gorgonzola, Italy
- [08] Bedrock
- [09] *Michael Madsen*. He also played in movies like *Species* and *Kill Bill*.
- [10] It's the character map, which shows all characters within a font
- [11] 12
- [12] Green
- [13] South Africa
- [14] You could've picked from: backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke or freestyle.
- [15] *Tasmania*

See you next week?

